

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVENING BOARD  
of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT on  
ACTIVITIES of the PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 18, 2001**

The Public Advisory Committee of the Wetlands Recovery Project provides the Governing Board with an annual report describing PAC activities. The PAC's duties were approved by the Governing Board at its October 23, 1998 meeting and have been incorporated into the PAC's newly adopted bylaws (see Attachment 1). The duties are: (1) developing a legislation/funding strategy—state, federal and grants; (2) creating public relations materials; (3) helping with the regional planning process, and (4) building organizational capacity and promoting participatory activities to broaden the constituency for wetlands recovery efforts.

Last year, the PAC established task forces in each of the five coastal counties to help it perform its duties. The following summary discusses of the PAC's and Task Forces' accomplishments and goals for each of the four duties. At the Governing Board meeting, the Santa Barbara County Task Force will give a presentation about it specific activities to better acquaint the Board with how the Task Forces operate.

**LEGISLATION/FUNDING**

**A. STATE BUDGET ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- PAC and Task Forces members advocated for state funding for the WRP. In the FY 2000-01 budget, their efforts helped secure \$7.6 million for the WRP; \$14 million for Los Cerritos Wetlands, \$11 million of which requires a non-state match; and other moneys for related river parkway projects—all through the Coastal Conservancy budget.
- Held the second, and much improved, Sacramento reception and information session for legislators and their staff—in partnership with CalCoast, and the Southern California Steelhead Coalition.

**B. STATE BUDGET GOALS**

- PAC and Task Force members are working to get approval of the WRP funding proposed in the Governor's FY 2001-02 budget. This includes a proposed \$2.95 million in bond funds and \$5 million from the general fund for the WRP through the Coastal Conservancy budget.
- Identify possible sources of state funds for two WRP programs:
  - Funding for the Southern California Wetlands Research Program with research topics to be determined by the WRP Science Advisory Panel;

- Funding to support the 5 County Task Forces in their efforts to gather project and planning information.

One possible source is \$10 million for wetlands included as part of the \$100 million Clean Beaches Initiative in the Governor's proposed budget.

- Explore whether the WRP's PAC should establish more formal ties with CalCoast, a 501(c)(4) advocacy organization representing the interests of local governments in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
- Encourage site visits to the region's recovery success stories by state legislators and their staff.

#### C. FEDERAL BUDGET ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Supported passage of the Estuary Partnership Act. The conference report language for this act directs the Secretary of Army to spend money for the Wetlands Recovery Project on the Los Cerritos Wetlands.
- Worked with the agencies and non-profit organizations developing the National Estuary Restoration Plan that will guide expenditures of the \$275 million matching funds authorized over the next 5 years.
- CalCoast sponsored a meeting for local elected officials discussing the advantages of a California Congressional Coastal Caucus, which PAC members attended.
- At the behest of CalCoast, Congressman Randy ("Duke") Cunningham is sponsoring a meeting for the Southern California Congressional delegation and their staff on May 15<sup>th</sup> at which formation of a Coastal Caucus will be discussed. Southern California coastal organizations and their issues, including wetlands, will be described by three county supervisors who belong to both CalCoast and the PAC.

#### D. FEDERAL BUDGET GOALS

- Provide information about the WRP's Work Plan and Regional Strategy to the Southern California Coastal Caucus, if it is formed.

#### E. GRANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The PAC received small grants from Environment Now, The Irvine Company, and SeaWorld, in addition to dedication of the Rose Parade float by Southern California Edison.

- Environment Now's Proposition 13 Watershed \$607,500 grant proposal ranked 9<sup>th</sup> of 37 proposals recommended for funding (and 102 proposals overall) by the Water Board's Watershed Management Initiative's Committee (but the Water Board will not formally adopt a final list of projects until it meets on May 16<sup>th</sup> and after a public workshop on May 2. The grant would be used to establish a regional watershed network by funding the Task Forces to develop:
  - A regional watershed planning assessment to identify and fill critical wetlands gaps in watershed plans and to facilitate cross-watershed exchange of information, including developing a web-based map and data base;
  - A comprehensive restoration project inventory characterizing the universe of watershed projects contained in watershed plans throughout the region;
  - A Southern California watershed volunteer network that allows for web posting of opportunities by organizations throughout the region and the matching university-based volunteers to these opportunities.

#### F. GRANT GOALS

- Determine the best match between grant opportunities and the projects below in Section IIIB and seek funds.

### OUTREACH MATERIALS

#### A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Created a 7 minute video on the Economic Values of Southern California's Wetlands.
- Created a 7 minute Power Point presentation that introduces the WRP; had it adapted to video format for ease of use.
- Updated the outreach kit.
- Had over 200 million viewers see float in Rose Parade dedicated to the WRP by SCE.

#### B. GOALS

(Achieving some of these goals will be dependent on finding funding)

- Create a photo-documentary, emphasizing importance of the region's wetlands to people of color (might include a photo and essay contest) to be displayed at Sacramento information session.

- Work with NOAA to adapt its *Volunteer for the Coast* web site for local use so the WRP has a central, easy-to-manage site that tracks regional volunteer opportunities. (See Section IIE)
- Consider creating a booklet, *Wet and Wild*, modeled on one produced for the Baldwin Hills that describes the distinctive climate and geographical conditions in Southern California by featuring the species of concern dependent on the region's wetlands and river corridors, including ethnobotany.
- Consider whether some WRP materials should be made available in Spanish, try to accomplish this task.
- Explore the possibility of getting a study of the economic significance of the region's wetlands and river corridors funded.
- Explore the possibility of hiring consultant(s) to enter base information into regional Metadata Catalog that individual organizations could be trained to keep current, possibly with initial focus on exotics removal.

## REGIONAL PLANNING

### A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded the role of the Task Forces in identifying potential acquisition and restoration projects for the WRP'S Annual Work Plan (resulting in increase from 10 project proposals last year to 58 generally better quality proposals this year).

### B. GOALS

- Continue expanding the role of the Task Forces in bringing projects forward.
- Seek funding for the Task Forces so that they can play a major role in
  - establishing a regional Watershed Network (see discussion of Prop 13 grant above);
  - developing the county-level goals and consensus around those goals for the WRP Regional Strategy; and
  - gathering information and defining the rules for an analytic decision tool that helps to identify regional acquisition and restoration priorities.

## **PARTICIPATION/ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

### **A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Sponsored the first annual Wetlands Recovery Award Program.
- Co-sponsored first Annual Symposium, focused on regional planning, in which Task Force members were in high attendance.
- Had the Task Forces participate in evaluation of proposed projects, including those for the new small grants program.
- Adopted PAC Bylaws (Attachment 1) which ask each Task Force to submit a short statement describing *their* goals and operating procedures by January 2002.
- Have refined structure and roles for Task Forces (The Santa Barbara Task Force will make presentation at the Governing Board meeting, providing a case study in the effectiveness of the Task Force as an organizing outreach vehicle).

### **B. GOALS**

- Continue with the Symposium, the Wetlands Recovery Awards, the small grants program.
- Convene a PAC Education Subcommittee that can explore what the PAC/Task Forces might do to promote wetlands educational and a more consistent educational message regarding the region's wetlands.
- Seek additional, diverse and representative membership on both PAC and the Task Forces. (See Attachment 2)

## ATTACHMENT 1: BYLAWS

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COUNTY TASK FORCES  
OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT  
Adopted by the PAC on February 8, 2001**

**I. BACKGROUND & PURPOSE**

- A. Working Agreement. The Working Agreement, signed by all the state and federal agencies comprising the Governing Board of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (formerly the Clearinghouse) and executed in January 1998, calls for the creation of a Public Advisory Committee to promote the Recovery Project's mission and projects and to serve as a focal point for communicating community interests and concerns to the Governing Board.
- B. Board-Approved Job Description. On October 23, 1998, the Governing Board approved a job description for the PAC and a set of qualifications for PAC members (incorporated below). At that meeting the Governing Board also appointed an Interim PAC whose members agreed to serve for a one-year term and for an additional one-year term if nominated and appointed through an agreed-upon procedure. One of the six duties assigned to the Interim PAC was to determine the structure and procedures for the PAC's operation. The Interim PAC functioned rather informally and members agreed to serve for the additional year. Rather than establishing formal procedures, the PAC focused initially on establishing Task Forces in each of the five coastal counties and learning how it could best create a structure in Southern California to promote the Recovery Project's regional wetlands strategy. With a more grassroots structure in place, with growing public interest in the PAC and its procedures, and with the two-year deadline for the Interim PAC membership having expired, the PAC set out more formal procedures to govern its operation.

**II. ROLE OF THE PAC**

- A. Community Representation. Coordinate closely with the Wetlands Mangers Group on development and implementation of the public participation program and address community interests and concerns in the planning and implementation of [Wetlands Recovery Project] activities. Establish and foster Task Forces at the county level as a means to aggregate and channel community interest in wetlands recovery. Advise Board of Governors on community interests and concerns. Prepare an annual report on the PAC's activities for legislators and the public.
- B. Regional Planning. Collaborate with the Wetland Managers Group and Science Panel in their recommendations to the Governing Board (a) on revising the 20-year vision, as needed; (b) on developing, and revising as needed, the draft 5-year regional restoration strategy; and (c) on developing the annual acquisition and restoration work plan. Ensure that community interests have been considered and addressed in all three processes.

- C. Legislation/Funding. Develop a legislation/funding strategy to realize [Wetlands Recovery Project] acquisition and restoration priorities. Collaborate with the Board of Governors, the Wetlands Managers Group, Science Panel and County Task Forces to implement this strategy.
- D. Education and Information. Develop and implement an education and public awareness program that helps create a broader constituency for wetlands restoration activities. Establish partnerships and create materials that promote an understanding of the importance of Southern California's wetlands.

### III. THE COUNTY TASK FORCES

- A. Role of Task Forces. The PAC has fostered development of Task Forces in the coastal counties as a grassroots base for the Wetlands Recovery Project and to better enable the PAC to represent community interests (IIA). The Task Forces, at a minimum are to help with the following:
  - 1. *Information-Gathering.* To help gather information, identify potential projects, develop expertise, and create partnerships at the local level that will aid the Wetlands Recovery Project in developing and carrying out its wetlands recovery mission.
  - 2. *Outreach and Education.* To engage in outreach and education activities that will bring increasingly more understanding, support, and resources to wetlands recovery efforts in Southern California.
- B. Leadership, Membership and Operating Procedures & Representation on PAC.
  - 1. Task Forces are co-chaired by a county-level elected official and a leader of an environmental organization who both serve on the PAC.
  - 2. The Task Forces determine their own membership, structure, procedures, and goals within a broadly representative, consensus-based framework and the role described in IIIA above. Task Forces have the challenging job of balancing the development of an enduring, institutional framework to support wetlands recovery at the community and county level while ensuring that participation is open, inclusive, and inviting to new members.
  - 3. The Task Forces can select up to 5 representatives to serve on the Public Advisory Committee and are encouraged to select PAC representatives from environmental, business and education organizations and from local government. The PAC selections will be reviewed by the PAC membership committee to ensure that the PAC as a whole is representative of those in Southern California with wetlands interests.

4. By January 2002, Task Forces will be asked to submit a brief statement describing the procedures by which they operate so these may be posted on the web and made more transparent to those who would like to get involved.
- C. Support for County Task Forces. Funds appropriated to the Wetlands Recovery Project are to go to acquisition and restoration projects rather than for organizational capacity building. Although Recovery project funds cannot be used to support outreach efforts of the Task Forces, the Recovery Project will attempt to secure funding, and support the efforts of the Task Forces to secure funding, to support their information-gathering and outreach activities.

#### **IV. QUALIFICATIONS OF PAC MEMBERS**

- A. The ability to maintain a regional perspective on wetlands conservation while also serving as a representational voice for specific geographic or interest sectors;
- B. Demonstrated interest in issues related to Southern California wetlands;
- C. Facility in working with and bringing diverse interests together;
- D. Capacity to think creatively and to get things done in a complex institutional environment;
- E. Skills related to public outreach, public relations, lobbying, fund-raising;
- F. Ability to make the necessary time commitment to help define and accomplish the PAC's work.

#### **V. PAC OFFICERS, COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, STAFF & SUPPORT**

- A. Chair & Other Officers. The PAC will elect a chair from among its members who will serve for a 3-year term and can be re-elected at the PAC's discretion. The PAC chair will also serve as chair of the Coordinating Committee (VB1). The chair will need a special ability to communicate across interest sectors and geographic boundaries in bringing the public together regionally and will also need to communicate the public's perspectives effectively to the Governing Board, on which the PAC chair sits as a non-voting member. The PAC chair must submit an annual report to the Governing Board on the activities of the PAC and the Task Forces. The PAC may elect other officers (e.g., a Vice Chair) as it deems necessary.
- B. Standing Committees. The PAC will have at least three standing committees to help fulfill the key PAC responsibilities identified in Section II above. The PAC chair will appoint committee chairs, who will be responsible for recruiting committee members, managing committee work, and reporting to the PAC.



- C. The Coordinating Committee. This Committee will be chaired by the PAC chair and membership includes the environmental organization representatives who co-chair the Task Forces in their counties and any other PAC members who would like to serve.
1. Primary Task Force responsibilities are to keep the Task Forces energized, assist the elected county official co-chairs, report along with these co-chairs to the PAC on Task Force activities, and ensure that coordination occurs among the 5 different counties in efforts to coalesce regional interests.
  2. A primary executive responsibility is, in consultation with local electeds and other key PAC members, to provide importance guidance to the PAC chair and staff between PAC meetings.
  3. A primary membership responsibility is to ensure that the PAC membership has enough stability to operate effectively while ensuring also that the PAC is and is perceived to be inclusive and representative of the different wetlands interests in the region. To do this, the committee will jointly review the members selected by the Task Forces and also supplement Task Force choices with “at large” members selected to fill identified gaps. In addition to review and recruitment of new members, the committee will help to initiate members.
- D. Legislative Affairs & Funding Committee.
1. Membership on this committee is open to all members of the PAC and any Task Force members who would like to participate. It is charged with proposing to the PAC a legislation/funding strategy to realize Wetlands Recovery Project acquisition and restoration priorities (IIC).
  2. Recognizing the critical role that local electeds can play in securing support from the state and federal government, they will be consulted early in the development of any legislative strategy and recruited to play a leadership role in the legislative effort.
- E. Education Committee. Membership on this committee is open to all members of the PAC and any Task Force members who would like to participate. Its role is to establish partnerships and create materials that promote an understanding of the importance of Southern California’s wetlands and to carry forward public awareness activities that help create a broader constituency for wetlands restoration activities (IID).
- F. Staff Support. The Wetlands Recovery Project will provide staff support to the PAC Chair and PAC Subcommittee Chairs and will provide assistance to the counties in their efforts to carry out the work of the Wetlands Recovery Project.

## VI. DECISION-MAKING, NOTICE OF MEETINGS & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Decision-making. The PAC is intended to function as a collegial group whose members will attempt to reconcile differences prior to making a final decision. When a general consensus of the group does not emerge and a decision is required, a majority vote will prevail. Meetings operate by informal rules of courtesy and etiquette, but the chair may resort to *Roberts Rules of Order* when greater formality is desired.
- B. Meeting Notices. Task Force Co-Chairs are encouraged to inform Task Force members about upcoming meetings which will also be announced on the Recovery Project Web Site.
- C. Public Participation. PAC meetings are open. Task Force members and the general public can attend and participate, recognizing that the intent is to keep meetings informal, collegial, and conducive to brainstorming and a free exchange of ideas.

## VII. PAC REPRESENTATION, SELECTION, TERMS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Representation. To fulfill its role of advising the Governing Board on community interests, PAC membership must reflect different interest sectors (e.g., local government, the private sector, environmental groups, and educational organizations) from the 5 Southern California Coastal Counties that comprise the geographic area of the Wetlands Recovery Project (San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara). While the PAC will seek to have at least one representative of each interest sector from each county, the number of members from each sector or each county need not be equal because at-large members will also be eligible to serve on the PAC.
- B. Selection. The PAC shall consist of between 25 and 35 members. Each Task Force can select up to 5 members, subject to review by the PAC Membership Committee to ensure that the PAC as a whole is broadly representative and inclusive. The PAC Coordinating Committee can also recruit “at large” members.
- C. Terms. Determining how long PAC members should serve must acknowledge both that it is not always easy to recruit and keep unpaid volunteers and that the Recovery Project seeks to develop an enduring framework with institutional memory and commitment. At the same time the PAC must ensure that new people with new ideas are recruited and that those who would like to serve, and meet the criteria for membership, have an opportunity to be involved. Thus, terms for PAC members representing the Task Forces are to be determined by the Task Forces and “at large” members determined by the Coordinating Committee are asked to serve for two to three years, at their pleasure, with an opportunity to continue if invited.

D. Member Responsibilities

- E. Wetlands Ambassadors. PAC members serve as ambassadors for Southern California wetlands and the Wetlands Recovery Project by reaching out into the various organizations and communities to which they belong and seeking opportunities to promote wider understanding and to bring additional talents and resources to the effort.
- F. Meetings & Communications. PAC members are strongly encouraged to attend or have an alternate attend, at least half of the PAC's 2-4 annual PAC meetings. Committee work is generally conducted by conference call and since much of the between-meeting work is conducted by e-mail, PAC members will make every effort to be responsive to e-mail requests.
- G. Contribution. Each PAC member will, during his or her time of service, attempt to make at least one singular contribution towards realizing the mission of the Wetlands Recovery Project.
- H. Compensation. PAC members serve as volunteers. If needed, members can apply to the Coastal Conservancy, which serves as staff to the Wetlands Recovery Project, for reimbursement of expenses.
- I. Resignation. If a PAC member can no longer serve, it is requested that he or she submit a letter of resignation to the PAC chair.

**VIII.ADOPTION, POSTING & AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

- A. Review and Adoption. The bylaws were proposed, discussed by the Coordinating Committee and revised in light of comments. The bylaws were then distributed to all PAC members for comment by email, discussed at a PAC meeting, and formally adopted by the majority of PAC members attending the February 8, 2001, meeting.
- B. Posting. The Bylaws of the PAC are to be posted at the web site of the Wetlands Recovery Project so that those with interests in the wetlands of Southern California in general and the Wetlands Recovery Project in particular can see how the PAC operates.
- C. Amendments. Amendments to the bylaws may be suggested to the PAC chair by any PAC member, by any Task Force Member, or any member of the public for consideration by the PAC. The Coordinating Committee will review the suggestion and ensure that it is entertained. If accepted, it will be adopted according to the adoption procedures described in VIIIA above. If rejected, the Committee will contact the person making the suggestion to explain why.



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY PROJECT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

Note: Draft PAC Bylaws state PAC will have 25-35 members with each Task Force selecting 5 members and Membership Committee allowed to fill in perceived gaps in needs for representation. Do we want to expand membership and if so, what interests and who?

REGION	ELECTED OFFICIALS	NGOs	BUSINESS	EDUCATION
SAN DIEGO COUNTY (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sup. Pam Slater</li> <li>• Sup Greg Cox</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doug Gibson, Ex. Dir.</li> </ul>		
ORANGE COUNTY (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sup. Tom Wilson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean Watt, Pres. Friends of OC Harbors, Beaches &amp; Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sat Tamaribuchi, VP Envrmnt'l Affairs, The Irvine Company</li> </ul>	
LOS ANGELES COUNTY (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sup. Zev Yaroslavsky</li> <li>• Long Beach Councilman Colonna</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorothy Green, Pres.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Soto, Pres.</li> </ul>	
VENTURA COUNTY (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sup. John Flynn</li> <li>• Ventura Councilman Brian Brennan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roma Armbrust, Pres., Ormond Beach Observers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Hage, Gen. Mgr., Willamette Industries</li> </ul>	
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sup. Susan Rose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bud Laurent, Ex. Dir.</li> <li>• Community Envrmnt'l Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
AT-LARGE (11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johanna Williams, Sen. Boxer's Field Rep.</li> <li>• Haleh Khavari, Sen. Feinstein's Field Rep.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Aceti, Ex. Dir. CalCoast</li> <li>• Jim Edmondson, Chair,.So. CA Steelhead Coalition</li> <li>• Reed Holderman, West. Reg. Director, TPL</li> <li>• Kevin Johnson, Johnson &amp; McCarthy LLP &amp; PCL Board</li> <li>• John McCaull, Ca. Leg Affairs Dir., Audubon Soc'y</li> <li>• Terry Tamminen, Ex. Dir., Environment Now Foundation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Hertel, Mgr., Envrmnt'l Affairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warren Iliff, Pres, Long Beach Aquarium of Pacific</li> <li>• Joy Wolf, Ed. Dir.</li> </ul>
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## COUNTY TASK FORCES: ROLE

The Public Advisory Committee of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project was created to, among other things, develop and implement a public participation program that addresses community interests and concerns in the planning and implementation of Recovery Project activities and to advise the Governing Board about those concerns. To better perform this role, the PAC fostered the development of Task Forces in each of the 5 coastal counties to provide a grassroots base for the Wetlands Recovery Project.

Each County Task Force is co-chaired by a county supervisor and the head of a leading, country-wide environmental organization. The Task Forces have two roles:

1. Information gathering—to help gather information, identify potential projects, develop expertise, and create partnerships at the local level that will aid the Wetlands Recovery project in developing and carrying out its annual Work Plan and its long-term regional restoration strategy; and
2. Outreach and Education—to engage in outreach and education activities that will bring increasingly more understanding, support, and resources to wetlands recovery efforts in Southern California. Environment Now, a non-profit foundation based in Los Angeles, coordinates the activities of the Task Forces and chairs the PAC.

To date, the Task Forces have established regular informational meetings of those within each county interested in wetlands and watershed issues and have elicited a broad array of project proposals for consideration by the Wetlands Recovery Project Managers Group for the annual Work Plan. In addition, the Task Forces have been involved in mapping and characterizing wetlands.

- The Santa Barbara County Task Force partnered with the County to secure a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. EPA to develop a hydrogeomorphic assessment of South County wetlands and enacted an increase in the bed tax to fund watershed projects.
- The Ventura County Task Force has written a grant proposal and is working with the County to serve as the GIS administrator for all of the cities in the county, making the data available to the public.
- The Los Angeles County Task Force received a \$20,000 grant to develop an initial survey of wetlands throughout the County and has submitted a proposal to the U.S. EPA to do additional work.
- Orange County has watershed efforts in the planning stages, underway, or completed in all its watersheds and has a sophisticated GIS system. The Task Force is working with the County to ensure that the GIS and watershed information is integrated and made publicly available.
- The San Diego Task Force has applied for Proposition 13 grants and has been working with the County to develop a model for identifying priority wetland projects and areas.

## TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

### SANTA BARBARA WETLANDS RECOVERY TASK FORCE

**Co-Chairs: Supervisor Susan Rose**

**Bud Laruent, Executive Director, Community Environmental Council**

Name	Organization
Robert Almy	Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Dir, Project Clean Water)
Darcy Aston	Project Clean Water, Santa Barbara County Water Agency
Allyson Biskner,	City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Department, Creeks Division
Drew Bohan,	Santa Barbara Channel Keeper
Carol Bornstein	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden,
Jill Carlson	Community Environmental Council
Darlene Chirman	Santa Barbara Audubon Society
Rachel Couch,	SB County Second District Supervisor
Craig Fusaro	California Trout, Inc
Ronnie Glick	State Parks
Bob Hansen	Carpinteria Creek Committee
Eddie Harris	Urban Creeks Council
Julie Harris	Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department
Don Hartley	Santa Barbara City College, and exec dir of Growing Solutions
Joan Hartmann	SCWRP
Hilary Houser	Heal the Ocean
Dave Hubbard	UCSB (UC Natural Areas Reserve System)
Ethan Inlander	Conception Coast Project
Tom Lockhart	Cachuma Resource Conservation District
Natasha Lohmas	State Fish & Game
Sharyn Main	South Coast Watershed Alliance
David Pritchett	SCWRP Public Advisory Committee and FISHTAP
Matt Roberts	City of Carpinteria Parks Director
John Robinson	Heal the Ocean
Gary Robinson	Santa Barbara Natural History Museum
Tim Robinson	UCSB - Watershed Support Group
Betty Songer	Carpinteria Creek Committee
Bob Thiel	Community Environmental Council
Donna Toth	USFS, Los Padres National Forest
Brian Weber	Santa Barbara Natural History Museum
Jill Zachary	Director or Creeks Division, City of Santa Barbara Parks & Rec.

### VENTURA COUNTY WETLANDS RECOVERY TASK FORCE

**Co-Chairs: Supervisor John Flynn**

**Roma Armbrust, President, Ormond Beach Observers**

Name	Organization
Steve Bennett	Supervisor, Ventura County and represented by Steve Offerman
Tom Berg	Director, RMA, Ventura County
Ron Bottorff	Friends of the Santa Clara River
Peter Brand	State Coastal Conservancy
Brian Brennan	Council Member, City of Ventura
Locky Brown	Channel Islands Council of Divers
Mark Capelli	Friends of the River
Carolyn Casavan	West Coast Environmental and Engineering

Mary Cook	Air Photo, USA
Ron Corns	
Jim Engel	
Conner Everts	Southern California Watershed Alliance
Efren Gorre	Director, City Corps
Michael Hage	Willamette Industries
Jean Harris	Ormond Beach Observers
Sandy Hedricks	Audubon Society
Alex Herrera	City of Oxnard
Vic Hostetter	Audubon Society
Hannah Beth Jackson	State Assembly Member represented by Marc Wilde
Paul Jenkin	Matilija Coalition, Surfrider
Lynne Kada	RMA, Ventura County
Tom Keeney	Naval Air Station, Point Mugu
Steve Kinney	
David Magney	Native Plant Society
Max Maximous	City of Thousand Oaks
Judy Mikels	Supervisor, Ventura County
Jack O'Connell	California Senator represented by Cindy Cunningham
Linda Parks	Council Member, City of Thousand Oaks
Kathryn Phillips	
Jeff Pratt	Flood Control Department, Ventura County
David Pritchett	FishTAP
Frank Schillo	Supervisor, Ventura County represented by Corliss Christiansen
Greg Smith	Planning Department, City of Thousand Oaks
Tony Strickland	California Assembly Member represented by Chris Nangsaporn
Morgan Wehtje	California Department of Fish and Game
John Zaragoza	Councilman, City of Oxnard
Kim Uhlich	Environmental Defense Center, Ventura
John Zaragoza	Council Member, City of Oxnard represented by Marilyn Miller

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY TASK FORCE

**Co-Chairs: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**  
**Dorothy Green, President, Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council**

Name	Organization
Mark Abramson	Heal the Bay
Rich Ambrose	UCLA
Ileene Anderson	CNPS
Melanie Beck	National Park Service
Jim Benedict	National Park Service
Ravi K. Bhatia	TreePeople
Jon Bishop	RWQCB
Rabyn Blake	Topanga Watershed
Chuck Bragg	SM Bay Audubon
Bill Brown	Angeles Nat'l Forest
David Brown	Calabasas Planning Commission
Kathleen Bullard	SMMC
Richard Campbell	USDA-NRCS
Ann Cantrell	El Dorado Audubon
Sam Christie	Friends of Ballona Wetlands
Dan Cooper	FoLAR
National Audubon Soc.	



Bill Corcoran	Sierra Club (LA)
Ann Croisant	San Gabriel Mtns Conservancy
David Czamanske	Sierra Club
Rosi Dagit	Topanga
Kevin Doyle	PS Enterprises
Paul Edelman	SMMC
Dennis Eschon	City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Maintenance
Craig Ewing	City of Malibu
Bob Fisher	LA Cnty Beaches+Harbors
Steve Fleischli	Santa Monica BayKeeper
Mary Forgiane	Sierra Club
Tom Francis	Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Kimball Garrett	Natural History Museum of LA Cnty
Madelyn Glickfeld	HTB
Mark Gold	Heal the Bay
Suzanne Goode	California Dept Parks and Rec
David Gottlieb	RCD of the SMM
Dorothy Green	Watershed Council
John Hanlon	US Fish and Wildlife
Marcia Hanscom	Wetlands Action Network + Sierra Club/Angeles Chapter, Wetlands Cmte
Marcia Harrill	ETI
Scott Harris	CD Fish & Game
Joan Hartmann	Wetlands Recovery Project
Arlene Hopkins	
Carrie Inciong	LA Cnty Public Works
Melanie Ingalls	Audubon
David Jallo	LA Co. Parks and Recreation
Denise Kamradt	NPS
Larry Kaplan	TPL
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